

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Tribal Council Meeting  
Tribal Council Chambers  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
February 19, 2015

Closed Session: Yes

Call to Order: 9:02 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Michael Naganashe

Council Present: Secretary Julia Shananaquet, Councilor Bill A. Denemy, Councilor Keshick, Councilor Beatrice A. Law, Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Aaron Otto,

Absent: Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Councilor Winnay Wemigwase

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Treasury Director Michael Garrow, Enjinaaknegeng General Counsel James Bransky, Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Chairperson Gasco Bentley, Human Resource Director Denise Petoskey, Tribal Administrator Albert Colby, Jr.

Public: Citizen Virginia Lewis, Citizen Andrew Stich

Invited Guests:

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Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Denemy to adopt the agenda of February 19, 2015 as amended.

Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2–Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 5, 2015, as corrected.

Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2–Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor Wemigwase)

Motion carried.

**9:12 a.m.: Elder comments –**

- Citizen Wes Andrews raised questions regarding the Cemetery Boundries discussed at Land and Reservation

1 9:13 a.m. Councilor Wemigwase arrives

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3 **10:14 a.m. - 10:19 a.m. Presentation and update:** Wes Andrews regarding  
4 Traditional Tribal Burial Board, Inc. activities, i.e. cost savings, and establishing  
5 legal perimeters for cemetery properties.

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7 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Denemy to  
8 acknowledge the verbal report of Wes Andrews, Traditional Tribal Burial Board,  
9 Inc. as presented on February 19, 2015.

10 Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Treasurer Reyes)  
11 Motion carried.

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13 **Executive Updates**

14 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to  
15 acknowledge the verbal Executive report of Chairperson Gasco-Bentley and  
16 acknowledge receipt of the February 2015 Executive Oversight Report (EOR) as  
17 presented on February 19, 2015.

18 Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Treasurer Reyes)  
19 Motion carried.

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21 **Legislative Leader Report** - Position is currently vacant

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23 **Secretary Report:**

24 The following Tribal Council adopted/approved documents were delivered to the  
25 Executive for signature:

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  - Waganakising Odawak Statute 2015- 001: Elders Statute.  
28 Signed by the Executive on 02-10-15

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30 **Vetoed:** None

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32 **Phone Polls:** Conducted on 02-09-15

33 Motion to recommend Tribal Council approval of: Certified Motion  
34 #020915-01: Request for Funding from the Office on Violence against  
35 Women FY 2015 Grants to Enhance Culturally Specific Services for  
36 Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and  
37 Stalking Program and to authorize Tribal Council Phone Poll to meet  
38 required deadline. Phone Poll passed 8-yes.

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40 Motion made by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Councilor Wemigwase  
41 to accept Secretary Shananaquet's report as presented on February 19, 2015.

42 Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Treasurer Reyes)  
43 Motion carried.

1 **Treasurer Report:**

2 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe to accept  
3 the Treasurer's report as presented by Secretary Shananaquet on February 19,  
4 2015.

5 Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Treasurer Reyes)

6 Motion carried.

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8 **Tribal Council Committee Reports:**

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10 **Gaming Authority Committee** – Next meeting date: February 24, 2015

11 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to  
12 accept the verbal report of the Gaming Authority Committee as presented by  
13 Councilor Otto, Committee Chairman.

14 Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Treasurer Reyes)

15 Motion carried.

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17 **Agriculture Assessment Work Group** - Next meeting date is February 25,  
18 2015

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20 **Land and Reservation Committee**

21 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Otto to accept the  
22 verbal report of the Land and Reservation Committee as presented by Councilor  
23 Keshick, Committee Chairman.

24 Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Treasurer Reyes)

25 Motion carried.

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27 **Legal Legislative Committee** - Next meeting will be held March 3, 2015

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29 **Ethics Committee**

30 Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor  
31 Wemigwase to accept the verbal report of the Ethic's Committee as presented by  
32 Councilor Otto, Committee Chairperson.

33 Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1–Absent (Treasurer Reyes)

34 Motion carried.

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36 **Tribal Council Member Reports:**

37 Councilor Wemigwase is sponsoring presentation by Citizen Renee Dillard  
38 regarding Native American Artistry of natural fibers.

39 Citizen Dillard is requesting support in the form of mileage and per diem in effort  
40 to further expand her knowledge of traditional artwork i.e. natural fiber art (twine  
41 pouches/bags). Citizen Wes Andrews voiced his support of Renee Dillard's  
42 efforts to expand her knowledge of traditional artwork.

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44 **10:57 a.m. Break**

45 **11:17 a.m. Resume**

1 **11:18 a.m. – 11:39 a.m. Elder Comment**

- 2 • Citizen Michael Smith commented on his request for a closed session  
3 regarding personnel issue. He handed out a signed transcribed report of  
4 recorded conversations. Mr. Smith was earlier advised that he had the  
5 right to file a civil case in Tribal Court.  
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7 • Citizen Wes Andrews feels sad about the situation presented by Citizen  
8 Michael Smith. The Tribal citizens do not need to fight amongst  
9 themselves.

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12 **Legislative Office Reports:**

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14 **Treasury Director Report**

15 Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to  
16 accept Treasury Director Garrow's verbal and written report as presented on  
17 February 19, 2015.

18 Vote: 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Treasurer Reyes)

19 Motion carried.  
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21 **11:42 p.m. Public Comment opens**

- 22 • Citizen Stich wants his comments to be in a transcribed manner, including  
23 Tribal Council responses.  
24 • Citizen Dillard commented on key card use and building closures  
25 notifications.  
26 • Citizen Proctor passed out flyers for two separate trainings. **Michigan**  
27 **State University Extension** – A Comprehensive Grass Roots Approach  
28 to Community Development. Dates of Trainings: March 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, April  
29 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. **2015 4-H Crooked Tree Youth Leadership**  
30 **Academy** – February 23<sup>rd</sup>, February 25<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Update on Annual  
31 Community Meeting.

32 **12:07 p.m. Public Comment closes**

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34 **12:07 p.m. Lunch Break**

35 **1:30 p.m. Meeting Resumes**

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37 Councilor Wemigwase absent  
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39 **Legislative Services Attorney Report**

40 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Denemy to accept  
41 Legislative Services Attorney Budnick's verbal report as presented on February  
42 19, 2015.

43 Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2-Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor  
44 Wemigwase)

45 Motion carried.  
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1 **Enjinaaknegeng**

2 General Counsel Bransky and Office of Citizens Legal Assistant Cherie Dominic  
3 (WOS 2012-006) presented need to revise Statute.

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5 2:24 p.m. Break

6 2:38 p.m. Meeting Resumes

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8 2:39 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Denemy  
9 to go into closed session for personnel.

10 Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2–Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor  
11 Wemigwase)

12 Motion carried.

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14 3:17 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Otto to  
15 return to open session.

16 Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2–Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor  
17 Wemigwase)

18 Motion carried.

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20 Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Law to  
21 accept General Counsel Bransky's verbal and written report as presented on  
22 February 19, 2015.

23 Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2–Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor  
24 Wemigwase)

25 Motion carried.

26  
27 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Denemy to approve  
28 and authorize the action item contained with Legal Memo 021915-01 from  
29 General Counsel Bransky.

30 Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2–Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor  
31 Wemigwase)

32 Motion carried.

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34 3:20 p.m. Public Comment – No comments

35 3:20 p.m. Public Comment closes

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37 **Legislative Office Manager**

38 Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Naganashe to  
39 accept Legislative Office Manager LaCount's verbal and written report as  
40 presented on February 19, 2015.

41 Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2–Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor  
42 Wemigwase)

43 Motion carried.

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45 **Action Items**

46 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Denemy to approve  
47 Certified Motion #021915-01: Request for funding from the Office on Violence

1 against Women FY 2015 Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of  
2 Sexual Assault. Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking.

3 Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2–Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor  
4 Wemigwase)

5 Motion carried.

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7 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Otto to approve  
8 Certified Motion #021915-02: Request for funding from the Institute of Museum  
9 and Library Services, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Basic Library  
10 Services Grant.

11 Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2–Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor  
12 Wemigwase)

13 Motion carried.

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15 Motion made by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Councilor Otto to  
16 approve Certified Motion #021915-03: Request for funding from Center of  
17 American Indians and Minority Health University of Minnesota Indians into  
18 medicine (UM INMED) Community-Based Science Activities L.T.B.B. Summer  
19 Youth Education Program.

20 Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2–Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor  
21 Wemigwase)

22 Motion carried.

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24 Motion made by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Councilor Otto to  
25 approve Certified Motion #021915-04: Request for funding from the Institute of  
26 Museum and Library Services, Native American Library Services Enhancement  
27 Grant FY 2015.

28 Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2–Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor  
29 Wemigwase)

30 Motion carried.

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32 Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Naganashe to  
33 approve Certified Motion #021915-05: Request for funding from Michigan  
34 Humanities Council 2015 Heritage Grants Mandabeekee Dance Troupe  
35 Documentary Project.

36 Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2–Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor  
37 Wemigwase)

38 Motion carried.

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40 Motion made by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Councilor Law to  
41 approve Certified Motion #021915-06: Request for funding from First Nations  
42 Development Institute Native Youth & Culture Fund FY 2015 Land-Based  
43 Education Program.

44 Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2–Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor  
45 Wemigwase)

46 Motion carried.

1 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Denemy to approve  
2 Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council and Ethics Committee  
3 Hearing Policy for General Rules of Conduct.

4 Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2–Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor  
5 Wemigwase)

6 Motion carried.

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8 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Otto to acknowledge  
9 the receipt of the nominees of Lily Anderson, Catherine Laba, and Angie Woodin  
10 for the Education Appeals Board from the Executive Department and to set up  
11 interviews.

12 Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2–Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor  
13 Wemigwase)

14 Motion carried.

15  
16 Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor Law to approve  
17 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for use of the Strategic National Stockpile  
18 in the Event of a Mass Medical Emergency.

19 Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2–Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor  
20 Wemigwase)

21 Motion carried.

22  
23 Motion made by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Councilor Otto to  
24 approve Tribal Council travel to the “Native Nations Events Inaugural  
25 Symposium-Marijuana: The next Big Thing in Native American Economic  
26 Development?” March 30, 2015 in San Diego, CA.

27 Vote: 4-Yes, 2-No, 0-Abstained, 2–Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor  
28 Wemigwase)

29 Motion carried.

30  
31 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Otto to not pursue  
32 land parcel #87.

33 Vote: 5-Yes, 1-No (Councilor Naganashe), 0-Abstained, 2–Absent (Treasurer  
34 Reyes, Councilor Wemigwase)

35 Motion carried.

36  
37 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe to  
38 pursue Land Parcel #84 and refer the matter to the Appropriation and Finance  
39 Committee.

40 Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2–Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor  
41 Wemigwase)

42 Motion carried.

43  
44 Motion made by Councilor Naganashe and supported by Councilor Otto to  
45 approve the site plan of the Administrative Complex to include the Archives  
46 Expansion, known as Preliminary Concept Option 2 dated February 13, 2015.

1 Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2–Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor  
2 Wemigwase)  
3 Motion carried.

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5 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe to  
6 approve the GPS coordinate maps for Murray Road and Osborne Road for the  
7 land use designated to the Traditional Tribal Burial, Inc. dated October 21, 2014  
8 and February 11, 2015.

9 Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2–Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor  
10 Wemigwase)  
11 Motion carried.

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13 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Denemy to approve  
14 Leases of LTBB Trust Lands Regulations REG-WOS 2014-017 012015-002.

15 Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2–Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor  
16 Wemigwase)  
17 Motion carried.

18  
19 Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Law to approve  
20 Tribal Council attendance at all LTBB Governmental Personnel Policy Handbook  
21 work group meeting as scheduled for 2015.

22 Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2–Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor  
23 Wemigwase)  
24 Motion carried.

25  
26 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Keshick to re-post to  
27 the Legislative Agenda in the Odawa Register the updated draft of the Tribal  
28 Government Human Resource Department proposed legislation.

29 Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2–Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor  
30 Wemigwase)  
31 Motion carried.

32  
33 Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Law to set the  
34 hearing date for Complaint No. 111214-01, on March 13, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

35 Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2–Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor  
36 Wemigwase)  
37 Motion carried.

38  
39 Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Keshick to  
40 amend the agenda to include Tribal Resolution, Funding for FY 2015, Shortfall  
41 for Health Department.

42 Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2–Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor  
43 Wemigwase)  
44 Motion carried.

45  
46 Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Law to adopt  
47 Tribal Resolution: Approval of the Gaming Authority Committee FY 2015



1 Amended Budget for an Additional Sum of \$15,000.00 for Legal Consulting  
2 Services.

3 Roll call: Councilor Denemy-yes, Councilor Keshick-yes, Councilor Law-yes,  
4 Councilor Naganashe-yes, Councilor Otto-yes, Councilor Wemigwase-absent,  
5 Treasurer Reyes-absent, Secretary Shananaquet-yes  
6 Motion carried.

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8 Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Keshick to adopt  
9 Tribal Resolution: Supplemental Funding for Traditional Burial Grounds Board in  
10 the Amount of \$27,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2015 to come from Prior Period Funds.  
11 Roll call: Councilor Denemy-yes, Councilor Keshick-yes, Councilor Law-yes,  
12 Councilor Naganashe-yes, Councilor Otto-yes, Councilor Wemigwase-absent,  
13 Treasurer Reyes-absent, Secretary Shananaquet-yes  
14 Motion carried.

15  
16 Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Law to adopt  
17 Tribal Resolution: Supplemental Funding in the Amount of \$215,000 for Security  
18 Systems at the Government Buildings.  
19 Roll call: Councilor Denemy-yes, Councilor Keshick-yes, Councilor Law-yes,  
20 Councilor Naganashe-yes, Councilor Otto-yes, Councilor Wemigwase-absent,  
21 Treasurer Reyes-absent , Secretary Shananaquet-yes  
22 Motion carried.

23  
24 Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Denemy to adopt  
25 Waganakising Odawak Statute Recall of an Official and Leave of Absence.  
26 Roll call: Councilor Denemy-yes, Councilor Keshick-yes, Councilor Law-yes,  
27 Councilor Naganashe-yes, Councilor Otto-yes, Councilor Wemigwase-absent,  
28 Treasurer Reyes-absent , Secretary Shananaquet-yes  
29 Motion carried.

30  
31 Motion made by Councilor Keshick and supported by Councilor Denemy to adopt  
32 Tribal Resolution Funding for FY 2015, Shortfall for Health Department. To  
33 increase by \$70,500 to come from Third-Party Revenue Fund Balance.  
34 Roll call: Councilor Denemy-yes, Councilor Keshick-yes, Councilor Law-yes,  
35 Councilor Naganashe-yes, Councilor Otto-yes, Councilor Wemigwase-absent,  
36 Treasurer Reyes-absent , Secretary Shananaquet-yes  
37 Motion carried.

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39 **Other Items of Business (Prior to Adjournment)**

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41 **4:06 p.m. Break**

42 **4:17 p.m. Meeting Resumes**

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44 4:22 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor  
45 Naganashe to go into closed session for Legal.

46 Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2–Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor  
47 Wemigwase)

1 Motion carried.

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3 4:35 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Keshick to  
4 return to open session.

5 Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2–Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor  
6 Wemigwase)

7 Motion carried.

8  
9 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Keshick to approve  
10 scheduling of March 27, 2015 Special meeting at 10:00 a.m.

11 Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2–Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor  
12 Wemigwase)

13 Motion carried.

14  
15 4:37 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Otto and supported by Councilor  
16 Naganashe to go into closed session for personnel.

17 Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2–Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor  
18 Wemigwase)

19 Motion carried.

20  
21 5:20 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Denemy to  
22 return to open session.

23 Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2–Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor  
24 Wemigwase)

25 Motion carried.

26  
27 Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe  
28 to approve Employment contract dated **February 19, 2015** between DONNA  
29 L. BUDNICK, Legislative Services Attorney, and the LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY  
30 BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS and authorize Treasurer Reyes to sign contract.

31 Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2–Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor  
32 Wemigwase)

33 Motion carried.

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35 **Adjournment**

36 5:25 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Councilor Law to  
37 adjourn meeting.

38 Vote: 6-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstained, 2–Absent (Treasurer Reyes, Councilor  
39 Wemigwase)

40 Motion carried.

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42 **Next Scheduled Meeting**  
43 **March 5, 2015**  
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1 Please contact the Legislative Office at 231-242-1403 or 231-242-1404 for  
2 additional updates and clarifications of these minutes as presented.

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4 These Minutes have been read and approved as written (or) corrected: (delete  
5 either the word "written" or "corrected" as pertains to how the minutes were  
6 approved.)  
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11 Julia A. Shananaquet, Tribal Council Secretary

Date